

Responses to the Epidemic at



- New buprenorphine program
- Health Hub grant
- Emphasis on Hepatitis C screening and treatment
- Drug User Health Coalition
- Concerns over potent non-heroin drugs
- The Harm Reduction Center

Substance User Health Services

LEVEL ONE

Syringe Exchange

Wellness Center

Patient fit

- Desire to reduce risk of disease by accessing free sterile syringes and works.
- Desire to minimize risk of overdose fatality by becoming trained in naran.
- Inject Drugs; many people do not inject as safely as they could (especially younger individuals).
- Use drugs and have not recently had an HIV or HCV test; these diseases affect this population at high rates.

LEVEL TWO

Health Hub

Substance Use Initiative

Patient fit

- Have overdosed or witnessed an overdose.
- Use drugs and would like to stop or manage their use.
- Are interested in groups for current or former drug users.
- Have found traditional inpatient treatment or counseling ineffective.

LEVEL THREE

Outpatient Counseling & Addiction Medicine

Specialty Medical Care

Patient fit

- Are ready to commit to attending regularly scheduled appointments.
- Understand abstinence could be required for medication assisted treatment.
- Have chronic health conditions.
- Need HIV treatment, HCV treatment, PrEP, or a Primary Care Physician.

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Syringe Exchange Program

- Sterile syringes, equipment, and Narcan
- Monthly workshop on safe use
- Safer injection counseling
- Special interventions for young drug users under 30

Wellness Center

- Daily lunch and monthly food pantry
- Art Therapy

Health Hub

- Similar to SEP but emphasizing ongoing harm reduction care
- Support and educational groups
- Overdose aftercare and overdose prevention strategies
- Wound care from nurses
- Safe, non-judgmental space

Substance Use Initiative

- Linkage to detox, treatment, medical assisted treatment, substance use and mental health counseling, and other supportive services

Outpatient Counseling* & Addiction Medicine

- OASAS certified counselors operating through harm reduction approach
- Weekly group for those in the program
- Includes options for friends and family
- Buprenorphine or Vivitrol for qualifying patients

Care Coordination*

Mental Health Counseling*

Evergreen Medical Group*

* Services require insurance (sliding scale available for counseling)